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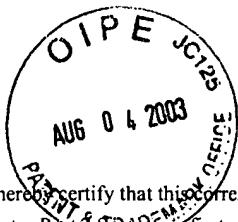
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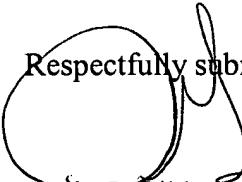
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 1, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 10-14 and 31-34. Applicants also note that claim 35 links Inventions I and III and that upon allowance of the linking claim, the restriction requirement as to the linked claims will be withdrawn.

The Office Action also includes an election of species requirement. Since Invention I is elected, Applicant also elects the species of Fig. 1 (Species A). It is believed that

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all elected claims are readable upon this species.

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